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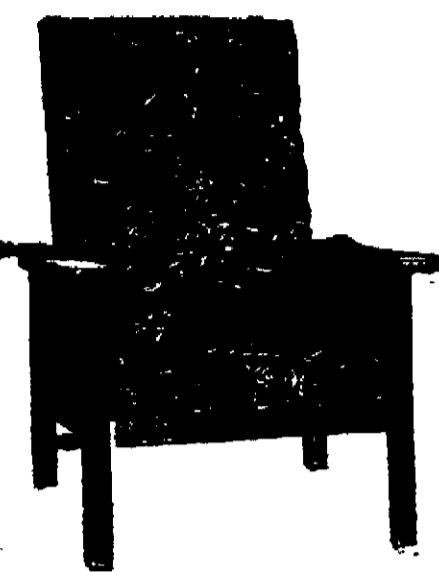
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SHAFTER ARRIVES

Transports Have Reached
Santiago de
Cuba.

GARCIA VISITS SAMPSON

Four Thousand Cubans Marching to
Meet Our Army.

HOBSON WILL NOT BE EXCHANGED

Blanco Doesn't Want to Give Up Such a
Valuable Prisoner—May Ask a Ran-
som—Camara's Fleet Is Again
Back at Cadiz.

PORT ANTONIO, Jamaica, June 21.—Advises received here late yesterday afternoon announce the arrival of Santiago of the first division of the American army of invasion, under command of Major General William R. Shafter.

No attempt was made during the day, according to the report, to land the American troops.

General Shafter soon after his arrival had a conference with Admiral Sampson. They discussed at length the information obtained by Admiral Sampson's scouts as to the most available landing places in the vicinity of Santiago and sent further scouting parties along the coast. In yesterday's parties were representatives of the army, assigned to the duty by General Shafter. They inspected the points considered by Admiral Sampson to be most advantageous, and the commanders of the army and navy speedily will decide where to land the troops.

Tremendous enthusiasm was awakened among the men with Admiral Sampson's fleet by the arrival of the American troops. They gave cheer after cheer, the report states, and their enthusiasm met with an equally hearty response from the troopers.

Repeated delays in the departure of the army from Tampa had made the men with the fleet impatient, and they awaited the coming of their allies with great eagerness. For more than ten days they had had practically nothing to do, aside from preventing the escape of Admiral Cervera's fleet from the harbor. Officers and men the fleet having done all the damage possible preparatory to landing the troops, were anxious for more active warfare.

From an early hour on Sunday morning every vessel in Admiral Sampson's fleet was on the lookout for the transports. The admiral had been advised from Washington that the transports probably would join his fleet some time during the day, but no sign of the invading army had been seen when the sun went down.

It was known here early yesterday morning that the American army was nearing Santiago, however, the news having been brought by Captain List of the Ethelwold, which arrived from Philadelphia at 7 o'clock. Captain List reported that he had passed two of the transports 50 miles north of Cape May Sunday morning. He could not distinguish the names of the vessels, but they were numbered 6 and 18. The transports, convoyed by a gunboat and a converted yacht, were heading to the southeast.

"The gunboat," said Captain List, "stopped me with a blank shot, and after learning my identity, demanded news. I gave her what information I had and asked where she was going. She would not answer that question. The ships were very large ones, and it seemed to me they were heading straight for Porto Rico, inasmuch as they were going south of Greater Inagua Island. But they may have been taking that course merely to keep out of sight of land. If the latter supposition is correct, then the troops are off Santiago this morning."

The enemy has been working for two weeks to concentrate a strong force in the vicinity, and Spanish troops have been summoned from various parts of eastern Cuba.

General Linares must meet General Shafter's army with a smaller force than he had anticipated, owing to the necessity of leaving several thousand troops to guard Guantanamo.

Now that the marines at Camp McCalla have become firmly entrenched there, the Spaniards must divide their forces to defend both cities. Our forces thus are about to reap another decided advantage through the successful landing of the marines on the eastern shore of Guantanamo bay.

Upon the ability of the troops to stand the climatic conditions at this season of the year in Cuba will depend in a great measure the time to be selected for the advance upon Havana. If the regulars are able to keep in as good health as have the marines at Camp McCalla, you may expect to hear of speedy developments in the situation.

It is said that the men under General Shafter, despite their experience of 18 days in close quarters aboard the transports, are in good health. They are eager to get at the Spaniards, and stirring scenes are certain to mark their landing.

GARCIA VISITS SAMPSON.

No One Year Thorough Troops White
Party Still of Sentences.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, June 21.—General Garcia and his personal staff were picked up at General Shafter's camp, near Andoverton, 10 miles west of Santiago, and brought to the steamer New York

yesterday afternoon by the gunboat Vixen. There the grizzled and wounded commander of the eastern patriot forces had a long consultation with Rear Admiral Sampson regarding the operations for the investment of Santiago and the co-operation of the American and Cuban troops.

The Cubans are extremely active, and a cordon has been drawn around Santiago de Cuba. General Garcia, with 4,000 troops, coming by forced marches from Banes, is now nearing Santiago. His troops are within 40 miles of the city. He left 3,000 men at Holguin to prevent the Spaniards there effecting a junction with General Linarez at Santiago.

The Spanish troops at Guantanamo, under General Masso, are also cut off from Santiago and are badly pinched for food. They wildly appealed for provisions and re-enforcements, but the only reply they got was that both were impossible. General Masso said his men were even then on half rations and that the supply was sufficient to last only during the present month.

General Garcia is enthusiastic. He says the Spaniards are starving and cannot hold out long and that the war in the island will end in a few months.

Two regiments of troops will be landed at Guantanamo bay, which will be held as a base until Santiago falls.

In the cable of Captain Chadwick, the commander of the New York, General Garcia lay yesterday. He was sick. This is the message General Garcia sent to the American people:

"I am greatly obliged for the efforts of the American people in securing the independence of Cuba, and I shall do all I can to defeat the Spaniards quickly."

Speaking of the march from Banes, where he went to receive the munitions of the Florida expedition, he said: "We had a hard, hard march over the rough roads. Engagements with the Spaniards? No, because there were no Spaniards. My 4,000 men are in good condition, except for the slight fatigue of the long march. We found enough food, though the Spaniards are starving. The patriots are not suffering from the blockade. They can always get food. It is the Spaniards who pay the price. I think the war will be over in a few months. You can beat the Spaniards easily, but it is very hard to drive them out."

Then General Garcia asked Rear Admiral Sampson, who sat beside him, what had happened to the other Spanish ships, the Pelayo and the rest, and opened his eyes wide with a muttered exclamation of surprise when he heard that Admiral Camara was still at home.

At Holguin, General Garcia said, there are 10,000 Spanish troops, but he believes the 3,000 men he left there will effectively prevent the enemy from reaching Santiago from the Holguin side.

Captain Chadwick met General Garcia in General Rabi's camp, 18 miles west of El Morro. Rabi has about 1,000 men. General Garcia was accompanied on board the New York by his staff, consisting of Colonel Collazo, chief of staff; Colonel Villante and Captain Portuando, and also by General Lord, Colonel Malanes, Lieutenant Colonel Hernandez, Major Bueno and other aids.

Most of them suffered from seasickness, General Garcia humorously saying, "As bad as are the roads in Cuba, your roads, Captain Chadwick, are worse."

General Garcia and his staff were put ashore later in the day, after the preliminary details of co-operation between the Cuban and American troops had been fully discussed.

WON'T GIVE HOBSON UP.

Blanco Refuses to Exchange the Merrimac Prisoners.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Captain General Blanco refuses to exchange prisoners.

This brief telegram was received at the navy department yesterday from Commodore Watson, commanding the blockading fleet in front of Havana.

The decision of General Blanco causes the most intense indignation throughout the country, and word was immediately sent to Admiral Sampson to show the Spaniards no quarter.

Secretary Long says he has no official information from Admiral Sampson to the effect that the brave Hobson and his men have been removed from Morro castle and transferred to the city of Santiago. In view of the decision of General Blanco the secretary says he sincerely hopes the transfer has been made.

It is evident the Spaniards propose to use Hobson and his companions to prevent the bombardment of Santiago. If it is true that Hobson and his men have been removed from Morro castle, Admiral Sampson will proceed with the attack on the fortress with increased energy and a desire to resent the decision of General Blanco.

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The refusal of General Blanco to exchange Hobson and his associates does not imply that the brave Americans are to be put to death.

While the course of the Spanish captain general is unusual and unexpected, it is not without precedent. The Spanish authorities have evidently come to the conclusion that Hobson and his men are too valuable to be exchanged for ordinary Spanish prisoners now held by the United States. They realize that the American people prize Hobson's gallant crew very highly, and they would be willing to make valuable concessions to secure their release. At present we have no Spanish prisoners of high rank, and it is possibly the intention of the Spanish to hold Hobson in prison until we capture some Spanish prisoners of rank, and then an exchange may be made.

It is not believed by eminent naval authorities that the Spaniards propose to destroy Hobson or place him in a position that his life will be endangered by the impending bombardment of Santiago.

It seems that the event which led up to General Blanco's letter began with the sending of the Maple, under charge of Captain Ladlow of the monitor Terror, to open negotiations for the exchange of Lieutenant Hobson and the other Merrimac prisoners.

General Blanco's letter was addressed

to the monitor's captain. After refusing to negotiate for the exchange of the prisoners, he delivered the ultimatum as to boats with flags of truce.

A Reason Suggested.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, June 21.—Mr. F. W. Hamden, the British consul at Santiago de Cuba, who is acting for the United States in the negotiations with the Spaniards for the exchange of Lieutenant Hobson and his comrades of the Merrimac expedition, has suggested to the officials at Washington that even a ransom might be paid to secure the prompt release of the American prisoners. That idea was undoubtedly expressed in the cable dispatches which passed through the colonial authorities here, but in what form it was shaped is not clear.

Dr. George H. Bridgman, the United States minister to Bolivia, has arrived here on the steamer Para on his way to New York.

What Sagasta Says.

MADRID, June 21.—Premier Sagasta, when questioned on the subject, said: nothing had been decided. "In spite of the American reports," regarding the exchange of Naval Constructor Hobson and his companions, who were captured by the Spaniards after they sunk the collier Merrimac in the narrow channel leading into the harbor of Santiago de Cuba.

HOBSON'S PROMOTION.

Will Be Made a Lieutenant Commander as Soon as Congress Can Act.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Lieutenant Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, will be transferred from the construction corps to the line of the navy and raised to the grade of lieutenant commander, probably this week. This action was decided upon by the administration yesterday, and legislation empowering this action will be passed in both houses, and its execution will almost immediately follow the affixing of the executive approval of the measure.

It had been proposed to await Hobson's personal expression as to his choice between the transfer to the line or promotion within the corps, where future advancement is limited.

The final decision to give substantial recognition without further delay, save for legislative authority, which is to be immediately granted, follows the formal refusal of exchange by the Spanish government. The matter was taken up by both the president and Secretary Long, and it was announced privately that the administration is anxious for immediate legislation to permit the president to act and that promotion to the full extent authorized would immediately follow. This determination was reached after a short and informal consultation as to the Spanish attitude on the exchange of prisoners and the likelihood that there will be no early release of the gallant lieutenant and his crew.

BACK TO CADIZ.

Camara and His Eleven Ships Sailed Out to Sea and Back Again.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Admiral Camara's squadron has left Cartagena for Cadiz.

This information reached the authorities here yesterday. It is presumed that the maneuvers planned by Senor Alfonso and Admiral Camara were executed, and, having completed them, the squadron was ordered to put back to Cadiz.

The navy department is now making an effort to ascertain the condition of the ships, the time of their departure from Spanish waters and their point of destination.

Information that is already at hand leads to the belief that the fleet will now go to the Canary Islands, where it will await further orders.

The state department has been informed that upon the expiration of the 30 days allowed to the commanding officer of the Temerario to make repairs to the machinery of that vessel the Paraguayan government will order him to leave their waters. Once away from Paraguay, the Temerario will have to proceed to Spain or Porto Rico and will have to depend upon the charity of Brazil to give her sufficient coal to reach either point.

Blanco Wounded by a Volunteer.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Information has just been received in Washington of the attempted assassination in Havana of Captain General Blanco by Mariano Salva, a young member of the volunteer army, and of a condition of affairs in the Cuban capital almost bordering on revolution as a consequence. The volunteers parade the streets unofficered, crying "Viva Weyler! Down with Blanco!" The people, especially the Autonomists, are leaving as rapidly as possible, and General Blanco, wounded as he is, holds daily conferences with the commanders of the volunteers, who are apparently powerless to bring about a more peaceful state of affairs.

VICTORIOUS REBELS.

Philippine Insurgents Hold Five Thousand Prisoners.

AGUINALDO ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Provisional Government Will Not Interfere With American Occupation—Augusti May Call on Foreign Warships to Protect Him.

HONGKONG, June 21.—The United States transport Zafiro, which has just arrived here and anchored in Chinese waters, brought news from Manila, under date of June 17, from which it appears that the insurgents now hold 4,000 Spaniards and 1,000 native prisoners, with their arms.

The insurgents also captured on June 14 the town of Dalang, the place next in importance to Manila in the bay.

Frequent fires have occurred at Manila and at Malate. The United States cruiser Baltimore was to have left Manila on June 17 to meet the United States cruiser Charleston and the transports from San Francisco, which the warship is conveying. The latter were expected to reach the northeasternmost point of the island of Luzon shortly afterward.

Thirty carabineros who attempted to desert from the Spanish forces on June 15 were arrested and shot.

General Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, has informed United States Consul Williams of the formation of a provisional government merely for cohesive purposes and has notified him of the desire of the insurgents that the Philippine islands become an American colony.

The Spaniards have sunk the cruiser Cebu so as to obstruct the passage of the Pasig river.

The Americans at Manila say apparently friendly relations exist between the French and German squadrons.

The British second class cruiser Bonaventure proceeded from Hongkong for Manila Sunday, and another British warship is to follow her.

The British steamer Esmeralda left yesterday for Manila, in order to bring away refugees, and the British steamer Yuen Sang will leave here today for the same purpose.

AUGUSTI HELPLESS.

May Ask Foreign Warships to Protect Him From Insurgents.

MADRID June 21.—The belief is expressed in government circles that Captain General Augusti will ask the foreign warships to land detachments to occupy Manila, on the ground that he is no longer able to resist the insurgents.

The newspapers say the cabinet at its meeting yesterday discussed the "tendencies observable in the United States and in certain personages in Spain." But the newspapers assert that the country (Spain) will "unanimously repudiate unorthodox conditions," adding that peace is only possible "if the conditions are honorable and include the retention of the colonies."

The ministers deny the renewed rumors of cabinet dissensions and the reported resignation of the minister of finance, Senor Fulgencio. It is understood that in any case there will be no changes in the ministry until the cortes suspends its sittings, which will depend upon the voting of the budget, which will probably take place at the end of this week.

In the meanwhile the cabinet will refuse to enter into any discussion of the war or the international situation, as being likely to impair the government's liberty of action.

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Government Sanctions Augusti's Scheme.

LONDON, June 21.—The Madrid correspondent of The Standard says:

"All the papers say the government is satisfied with the prospect of Captain General Augusti being able to convert with the commanders of the European war vessels for a joint occupation of Manila. As the city cannot hold out until the arrival of the American troops this would stall the entrance into the town of the Tagal rebels, which Spain supposes the European powers would not be disposed to permit."

Aguinaldo Elected President.

CHICAGO, June 21.—A special cable to The Record from its staff correspondent with Dewey's fleet reads as follows:

"General Aguinaldo officially proclaimed a provisional government in Old Cavite June 12. There were great ceremonies, and a declaration of independence was read renouncing Spanish authority. General Aguinaldo was elected president and Daniel Princo vice president. The insurgent government will not oppose an American protectorate or occupation."

Attempt to Poison Aguinaldo.

LONDON, June 21.—The Hongkong correspondent of The Daily Telegraph says:

"According to the report of the United States transport Zafiro which has just arrived here from Manila, a dastardly attempt was made last week to poison General Aguinaldo. He was taken suddenly and violently ill after partaking of meat, and the symptoms were such as clearly indicated that poison had been mixed with his food. General Aguinaldo was ill for two days."

Manila Cut Off From Madrid.

LONDON, June 21.—The Madrid correspondent of a London paper says:

"Captain General Augusti telegraphs that he has gone into the walled city and will be unable to communicate further with the government."

To Command The Journal's Yacht.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Lieutenant A. N. May has been given the command of the launch boat Buccaneer which was loaned the government by Mr. W. R. Bigelow of the New York Journal for use during the present war. Lieutenant May, at the time of his assignment had been connected with the Naval observatory at Washington. Mr. Heaton had offered to clothe and provision the crew of the Buccaneer

and the latter only provided for and furnishing the officers."

SEVENTH'S CAUSE HOPELESS.

New York's Quota Will Be Made Up From the New Guard.

ALBANY, June 21.—None of the organizations of the old national guard—the Seventh, Seventy-fourth and Twenty-third regiments and ten separate companies—will be given an opportunity to volunteer for United States service under the second call.

This was the gist of a statement made by Adjutant General Tillingshast yesterday when he announced that he had received from Washington the details of the call for New York state's second quota, which is three regiments of infantry and three batteries of artillery.

The call merely asked the governor to furnish those regiments and batteries from volunteers. The first call asked the governor to furnish his quota from the national guard, which was done.

But when the governor organized the new national guard he informed those that were enlisting in the organizations that they would be given the first opportunity to volunteer if a second call came. Inasmuch as that order had been issued and that the new guard numbers 12,000 men, Governor Black and Adjutant General Tillingshast decided today that none of the organizations of the old national guard would be needed to go to the front under the second call.

Castelar's View of the Situation.

LONDON, June 21.—According to a dispatch to The Daily News from Gibraltar the Republicans at Madrid have again vainly tried to induce Senor Emilio Castelar to return to lead the Republican party. Castelar says his health is bad and that he is too old for the work, but he expresses the conviction that a republic is at the door and about to take possession of Spain. "Carlism is being out of the question and the monarchy being an absolute failure."

Exiled Cubans Want to Fight.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Advices received at the Cuban legation in this city state that 250 exiled Cubans in Costa Rica who are anxious to fight for the deliverance of their native country have petitioned William A. Merry, the envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to that country, asking to be allowed to enlist as United States volunteers in the army to fight against Spain.

Pension For Gridley's Widow.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Representative Davenport of Pennsylvania has introduced a bill granting a pension of \$100 per month to Harriet Gridley, widow of the late Captain Charles V. Gridley, who commanded the flagship Olympia in the battle of Manila.

Strengthening Madrid's Garrison.

LONDON, June 21.—The Madrid correspondent of The Morning Post says:

"The government, it is reported, is strengthening the garrison of Madrid by eight regiments, but the report lacks confirmation."

BASEBALL SCORES.

Results of Yesterday's Games In the National League.

At Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh 2 3 0 0 0 0 0 1 — 9 New York 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 — 2 Hits—Pittsburgh, 8; New York, 6. Errors—Pittsburgh, 2; New York, 1. Batteries—Killey and Bowerman, Seymour and Warner.

At Cleveland—Cleveland 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 0 — 4 New York 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 — 7 Hits—Cleveland, 9; Brooklyn, 13. Errors—Cleveland, 4; Brooklyn, 0. Batteries—Young and Zimmer, Dunn and Ryan.

At St. Louis—St. Louis 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 — 2 New York 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 — 2 Hits—Philadelphia 3 1 3 0 3 0 0 4 — 14 New York 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 — 14 Errors—St. Louis, 11; Philadelphia, 21. Batteries—Foster and Sugden, Donahue and Ryan.

At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 — 2 Baltimore 3 0 0 0 3 0 1 0 5 — 17 Hits—Cincinnati, 7; Baltimore, 18. Errors—Cincinnati, 5; Baltimore, 0. Batteries—Damman and Vaughn, Maul and Robinson.

At Chicago—Chicago 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 — 5 Post 8 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 4 Hits—Chicago, 9; Boston, 8. Errors—Chicago, 0; Boston, 4. Batteries—Callahan and Donahue, Nichols and Bergen.

At Louisville—Louisville 1 0 0 0 5 0 2 0 — 8 Washington 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 1 Hits—Louisville, 15; Washington, 4. Batteries—Frazer and Powers, Weyhing and McGuire.

Table of Percentages.

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Cincinnati 34 18 654

Boston 33 19 634

Brooklyn 31 20 608

Baltimore 29 26 561

Chicago 30 23 566

Pittsburgh 28 24 532

New York 26 25 509

Philadelphia 21 27 437

Baltimore 21 28 429

Washington 19 33 365

St. Louis 19 33 365

Louisville 17 38 309

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The May internal revenue collections increased \$281,225 over last year.

It was announced in the house of commons that the British naval maneuvers had been abandoned because of the strike of the coal miners in Wales.

Colonial advice received at Tacoma state that during riots at Shashi, China the British consulate was attacked the flag torn to pieces and the building burned to the ground.

At Youngsville a fire caused the wing loss. Youngsville Manufacturing company \$10,000 insurance \$20,000. J. A. Sardell \$1,500 insurance \$400. A. G. Miller \$1,000 no insurance.

The Merchants Exchange of San Francisco has received a dispatch from San Francisco to the effect that the schooner Alton, which was reported lost on the Alaska coast some days ago has been spoken by the tug Rambler.

George Hutchins & Hunt of Cincinnati dealers in military goods, assigned to J. H. P. Bell's Amets and Babbitts are placed at \$100,000 each. The insulation of unfounded rumors affecting their credit is given as the cause of

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

First Vote In Senate to Ad-journ Defeated.

SHOWS OPPOSITION'S WEAKNESS.

There Will Not Be Much Real Debate on the Question—House Passes Deficiency Bill—Committee Reports and New Measures Introduced.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Discussion by the senate of the question of Hawaiian annexation was begun yesterday in open session. At the very opening of the question the opponents of annexation quite unexpectedly scored a point by preventing a yeas and nays vote on taking up the resolutions. When Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, called up the resolutions, the vice president as usual announced that without objection the resolutions would be considered. No objection being entered, he declared the resolutions to be before the senate. A minute or two later Mr. Frye of Maine demanded the yeas and nays upon the request to take up the resolutions. Mr. White of California instantly made the point of order that a yeas and nays vote could not be had on a dead issue, that the resolutions were already before the senate by unanimous consent. Of course the point was sustained.

The opponents of annexation were decidedly pleased at preventing a show of strength, but at 4:30 in the afternoon Mr. White afforded the friends of annexation the opportunity they had been awaiting. He moved to adjourn, and, like a flash, Mr. Davis demanded the yeas and nays. The motion, the vote upon which was a test of strength between the friends and opponents of annexation, was defeated decisively—44 to 15. Having gained his point in developing the numerical weakness of the opposition, Mr. Davis readily agreed to enter a motion for an executive session.

The proceedings of the day indicate clearly that there is to be no debate upon the Hawaiian question in the ordinary acceptance of that term. It is not the purpose of the friends of annexation to consume time in making speeches. Believing that the senate has already in executive session thoroughly discussed the question, they will permit the opponents of the project to occupy all of the time. This plan of campaign is not satisfactory to the latter, and during the session yesterday considerable bitterness was manifested at times.

The speakers yesterday were Mr. Morris, the venerable senator from Vermont and one of the Republican opponents of annexation, and Mr. Bacon (Dem., Ga.). Mr. Morris covered the general question, while Mr. Bacon discussed the power of congress to annex territory by legislative act, maintaining that such annexation was unconstitutional.

House Passes Deficiency Bill.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The house yesterday passed the general deficiency bill, carrying \$224,000,000. The bill occasioned little debate, and it passed practically as reported to the house from the committee on appropriations.

DON CARLOS INTERVIEWED.

Promises to Redeem and Revenge Spain at Any Sacrifice.

MADRID, via Biarritz, June 21.—El Imparcial publishes an interview its correspondent has had with Don Carlos. As it is understood that the presser revised his interview before it was published, his statements may be regarded as a manifesto. Don Carlos said:

"I won't conceal from you that when I left Venice last April I was resolved to protest by means of force and arms—that is, by ordering my partisans to rise—against the people who were prostrating our country by series of unimaginable humiliations, but when I learned that war against the United States was imminent and might be declared at any moment I changed my resolution and firmly decided to observe the most absolute impassivity."

"Unswerved from this decision, I do not desire to create the least difficulty for my country, since it is most important that all her children should sacrifice themselves for her. My enforced inaction puts me to despair, but I carry it to the extreme of depriving myself of even expressing my opinion as to current events."

"The governing statesmen who have committed the crime of not preparing the nation for a war every one saw to be unavoidable for the last two years will never be able to accuse me of having withdrawn a single Spanish will from the national forces in the fight with the United States."

They brought on the war by yielding continually to American demands, and they will have to take the responsibility of their mistakes. This attitude of mine will last so long as the present condition of affairs endures, but when the hour for the great settlement arrives I shall make up for my present silence. I will then take my revenge, not by means of words alone, but by means of acts, and I will do that as soon as my conscience as a Spaniard permits me to do it. I am firmly resolved to fulfill my duty to the end and omit no sacrifice in order to redeem and avenge Spain."

Revolutionists Plotting in Dominica.

MOLE ST. NICHOLAS, Haiti, June 21.—All is quiet, according to the latest advices from Porto Plata, in the Dominican Republic. Nevertheless it is known that another revolutionary conspiracy is afoot. The Olivia, a small sloop, is passing along the northern coast of Haiti picking up Dominicans for the purpose, it is understood, of a new descent upon Monte Cristi or Porto Plata.

Colonial advice received at Tacoma state that during riots at Shashi, China the British consulate was attacked the flag torn to pieces and the building burned to the ground.

At Youngsville a fire caused the wing loss. Youngsville Manufacturing company \$10,000 insurance \$20,000. J. A. Sardell \$1,500 insurance \$400. A. G. Miller \$1,000 no insurance.

The Merchants Exchange of San Francisco has received a dispatch from San Francisco to the effect that the schooner Alton, which was reported lost on the Alaska coast some days ago has been spoken by the tug Rambler.

George Hutchins & Hunt of Cincinnati dealers in military goods, assigned to J. H. P. Bell's Amets and Babbitts are placed at \$100,000 each. The insulation of unfounded rumors affecting their credit is given as the cause of

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THE COMMON COUNCIL.

BUSINESS DONE AT MONDAY NIGHT'S
ADJOURNED SESSION.

The Burning Out of an Electric Light
Fuse Delayed the Opening of the Ses-
sion—Mrs. Hasbrouck's Many Griev-
ances—Lights for the Hand Stand—
South Street to Be Accepted—Ordin-
ances and Resolutions—Budget for
Police Inspector.

The Common Council met in an ad-
journed session, Monday night, and like
any other swell function it did not begin
until nearly 9 o'clock. A fuse-burned out
in the cellar and the lights went out in
the Council room just at 8 o'clock, and
it was hurrying toward 9 when the com-
pany's expert located the trouble. In
the meantime Mayor Mance and Alder-
man Allen hustled for light. The former
secured a lantern from police headquar-
ters and the latter borrowed a lamp of
Rowley. The electric light finally flash-
ed up and the work of the evening con-
tinued.

A remonstrance was read against the
proposed course of the Linden avenue
sewer, to which Mrs. L. Sayer Has-
brouck, who was present, added a verbal
protest. There was some discussion,
and Mrs. Gavin's motion to refer the
question to the Sewer Committee was
lost.

Mrs. Hasbrouck was then asked if she
had any more grievances and she replied
that it was the first time she had been
before the Common Council, and that it
would take some time to hear her griev-
ances. She suggested that she might
come at some regular meeting, but she
was told to go ahead with her com-
plaints by President Tierney.

He didn't know just how extensive
those grievances were and how minutely
they were to be given until after Mr.
Hasbrouck, at his wife's request, read
the first one in about twelve minutes.
This was in regard to a bill for work on
their sidewalk, thirteen years ago, and
which she explained should be paid by
the city.

It was referred to the City Attorney
and the Law Committee, and later her
communications on the Depot street as-
sessment and the obstruction of sewer-
age on Beacon street took a similar
course.

On motion of Mr. O'Neal one arc light
was ordered removed from Thrall Park
to Wickham Avenue and Smith street.

On motion of Mr. Allen the band stand
in Academy avenue park will be lighted
with incandescent lights.

On motion of Mr. Waldorf the Captain
of Police will order all property draining
roof water across flag walks to carry
the water under or over the walk.

On motion of Mr. Allen the drivers of
Eagles and Excelsiors were granted a
week's vacation with pay, under the
supervision of the chief engineer.

On motion of Mr. Owen the police will
prohibit the explosion of fireworks ex-
cept on July 4.

On motion of Mr. Allen the street and
police pay rolls will be paid in two
checks, to avoid the two cent war tax
on the individual checks.

About 110 feet on Chestnut street was
ordered carved and guttered.

Alderman Hirst tendered his resigna-
tion and then retired. President Tierney
called him back, saying: "You are still
a member of this Council, and you don't
know whether we will let you go yet or
not."

Mr. Hirst returned and said that
owing to expectancy of shortly remov-
ing from the Third Ward he tendered his
resignation. President Tierney then ex-
ecuted him, and said:

"This matter is one that doesn't occur
very often, and may be you have some
cause to make."

No one spoke, and finally Mr. Allen
said:

"He seems anxious to resign, and I
move we accept his resignation." All
voted "aye."

Spooner & Ayres were awarded the
contract for sewer pipe.

Mr. O'Neal stated that Supt. Rock had
taken no action in the trolley reader
matter.

The appointment of an inspector of
cellars was brought up by R. M. Rorty,
and the Council proceeded to an informal
ballot. The informal and five formal
ballots resulted as follows:

Joshua Hirst 4 4 4 3 2 2
J. K. Kidd 1 1 1 1 2 2
J. W. Phillips 2 2 2 3 3 3

The Council then had the matter over
for a week. Ex-Alderman Hirst, who
expected that he would be elected at
once, and who had remained in the ball-
ot to hear the result, went home dis-
appointed.

The Council decided to accept Smith-
ing street when the releases are given accord-
ing to a map as prepared by the City
Engineer.

The following bills were audited:

Pay roll \$631.35
Mary A. Jones 1.00
C. C. Lutes, salary 56.00
Ames Doremus 25.00
Frank Weln, labor 6.00
Otis Hardenburgh 25.00
Gas Co. 813.85
Dickson & Eddy, coal 61.80
Police 188.20

Mary Powell Excursion.

The next Mary Powell excursion will
be run by the Ontario and Western, on
Tuesday, June 28th, at the popular price of
\$1 for the round trip. Train will leave
Middletown at 7. a. m. Wait for it. td

MRS. ST. JOHN'S SONG RECITAL.

Programme to be Rendered at the
Second Presbyterian Church, Tuesday
Evening.

At the song recital by Mrs. St. John
and pupils at the Second Presbyterian
Church, this (Tuesday) evening,
the following fine programme will be
rendered:

America H. Kjerulf
"Last Night" Robert Brewster Beattie
"Lullaby" W. H. Mathews
"Minors Ireland, Pilbury, Drake, Sloane, Wig-
gins, Fuller, Campbell, Mrs. Fellowes, Mrs.
With Verdine Clark Hayes
"Morgan" Miss Morgan
"Intermezzo" Mascagni
"Oberon" Wm. Wm. Wm.
"Beneath the Boughs" Guy & Herdlot
"William Tell" Ernesto Ponzio
"The Merry Princess" Ernesto Ponzio
"The Young Vicar" Ernesto Ponzio
"William Tell" Ernesto Ponzio
"Carmina" Verdini
"Old Folks at Home" Frederic Root
(by request)
Miss Armstrong, Ireland, Pilbury, Drake, Sloane, Wig-
gins, Fuller, Hopkins, Bellamy, Wolf,
Mrs. Fellowes, Mrs. Isaacson, Mrs. May
Doris Ethelbert Nevin
William Wall Whidby
Elegie—Viola Henry W. Ernest
Miss Lillian St. John
"Twas April" Ethelbert Nevin
"I Met the Angel" G. Hoffman
Mrs. St. John, Mr. Beattie Ethelbert Nevin
"Spring Tide" Ethelbert Nevin
Miss Armstrong Dudley Buck
Mrs. John, Pilbury, Drake, Wiggin
"Star Spangled Banner" Dudley Buck

BLOOMINGBURGH.

A Successful School Entertainment—
Progress of the School.

Correspondence ANGUS and MERCURY.

The Bloomingburgh public school
closed the school year by a grand enter-
tainment in the M. E. Church, Friday
evening, June 17, under the direction of
Mr. Elston, the successful principal for
the past two years. The church had
been artistically trimmed with flowers
and flags by some of the young ladies
and looked very beautiful. By 8 o'clock
the entire building was full, many having
had to stand up. The programme: In-
vocation by Rev. W. R. Hunt; singing;
"Greeting to All;" school; "recitations;
solo, "Beautiful Dove," Grace Wood;
recitations; song, "Up to Date," Kittie
Crawford; recitations; song, "Little
Gipsy Jade," Lizzie Robbins; recita-
tions; solo, "You'll Never Know," Eva
Bennett; recitation; solo, "Don't For-
get the Old Folks," Coral Smith; dia-
logue, George Williams, Arthur Moore;
recitations; solo, "Flag of the Free,"
Jessie Norbury; recitations; dialogue,
Arthur Cox, Coral Cox; solo, "Down on
the Wabash," Pearl Doremus; colloquy;
Harold Norbury, Wm. McDowell; dia-
logue, Sidney Collard, Laura Nixon;
solo, "Beautiful Moonlight," Jessie Nor-
bury; recitations; solo, "The Dying
Nun," Pearl Doremus; recitations; song,
"Break the News to Mother," Nellie Mills;
dialogue, James Collard, Maud Verneilson;
song, "Winking at Me," Pearl Doremus.
We cannot do justice to all in such a
brief space, but special mention is due
to Misses Lizzie Robbins, Coral Smith,
Pearl Doremus and Jessie Norbury for
the pleasing and telling manner in which
they rendered their songs. Rev. Mr.
Hunt's certificate of five grade certifi-
cate and with a few well-chosen remarks
congratulated the pupils of their
success and the trustees and community
on their good fortune in having secured
the services of such an able teacher and
on the progress made in the school.
Three years ago only seven certificates
were given; last year, fourteen; this
year, twenty-five. He also spoke of
the old time school compared with
the school of to-day. Rev. Mr. Stillwell
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Robert Shaw, of Jersey City, has been
visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W.
Shaw, for a few days.

P. H. Burns has purchased a fine
new bicycle.

HAVEN.

A Painter Operated—Heavy Personal
and Local Notes.

Correspondence ANGUS and MERCURY.

—Our neighbor, Wm. E. Tucker, had a
cancer removed from his lower lip, Sat-
urday morning. The operation was per-
formed by Drs. Piper, of Wurtsboro, and
Curett, of Mountaintop. Mr. Tucker,
who is a veteran of the civil war, bore
the operation (which was very painful
one), with unflinching courage.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moley and
family, of Jersey City, are visiting his
parents, at this place. They intend
spending the week, as it has been about
two years since Mr. Moley has had a
vacation.

—Capt. Charles Startup spent Sunday
with his family.

—Capt. William Sayres and his first
mate, Henry Tucker, were home Sunday.
Both and Wm. Tucker were also home.

—Miss Julia T. Grimes visited her
father, Sunday.

—Miss Fannie Hosier went to High
View, Sunday, to work at Sha-wan-ga
Lodge.

—Under Sheriff Hosier and wife return-
ed to Monticello, Friday.

—Miss Grace Hosier is visiting at Levi
Barkman's, at Port Jervis.

—Case Caskey and Miss Maud West-
brook were visiting near Otisville, Sun-
day.

—E. F. Smith has a number of summer
boarders.

—James K. Grimes is the champion
boy wheelman of Haven.

—The pay yacht of the D. and H. Canal
passed through here, Thursday of last
week.

—H. Leigh is a model farmer. His
crops are first class.

—Mrs. E. Carey and Mrs. J. B. Embler
were visiting over the mountain, last
week.

NEW HAMPTON.

Patrick Monaghan's 4th Death—New Sys-
tem of Highway Working—A New
Bridge—Meet the Folks—Personal and
Local Notes.

Correspondence ANGUS and MERCURY.

—The sad death of Patrick Monaghan,
who was drowned in the Walkill, on
Tuesday last, has added to the many
fatalities which have occurred in this
section. The deceased was a young man
of exceptional kind heartedness and one
who was a favorite with us all. His
family have the sympathy of the whole
community.

—The new arrangement for working
the highways through this town, which
is now being tried for the first, is giving
excellent satisfaction.

—A new bridge over Monaghan creek is
being erected near the paper mill at
Milo.

—James Doyle, while at work at the
paper mill, a few days ago, had the mis-
fortune to drop a heavy piece of ma-
chinery on his foot. Although the injury
is not of a serious nature it is painful.

—J. G. Green lost a valuable two-year-
old colt, last week.

—James McVeigh leaves for Chicago
and other western points on Tuesday
evening. He expects to be gone about
ten days.

—Robert Lattimer, who now has the
position of ticket agent for the Lehigh
Valley Railroad in New York city, visited
his parents on the Lower Road, on Sun-
day.

—Robert Shaw, of Jersey City, has been
visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W.
Shaw, for a few days.

P. H. Burns has purchased a fine
new bicycle.

JOHNSON.

Broke His Leg—White Wrestling—Per-
sonal and Local Notes.

Correspondence ANGUS and MERCURY.

—Dewitt Thompson, while wrestling
with one of his men last week, was un-
fortunate enough to receive a fall which
broke one of his legs.

—Miss Harriet Kuapp, of Paterson,
formerly a teacher in this vicinity, is
visiting relatives here. She is accom-
panied by her little nephew.

—Mrs. Frank Graham is visiting at
the home of her father, James Ralston,
on the Lower Road.

—John Caddigan recently purchased a
piano from Munn & Co., of Middletown.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Gallager, of Pat-
erson, have moved to their place at
Castle High for the summer.

—Ernest Gibbs bought a fine horse at
the Middletown sale last week.

—John Winters sold his black mare to
Henry Whitford last Thursday.

—Dewitt Welling has greatly improved
the appearance of his residence by hav-
ing it repainted.

—Nearly all the schools in this vicinity
have closed for the summer vacation.

RIDGEBURY.

Strawberry and Ice Cream Festival—
Children's Service.

Correspondence ANGUS and MERCURY.

—The annual strawberry and ice cream
festival will be held on the evening of
Friday, June 24th, at the M. E. Church.
It will be given on the lawn in con-
nection with the sheds. If stormy the
next fair evening.

—The children's services will be given,
Sunday evening, June 26, at the M. E.
Church.

The Chief Burgess of Milesburg, Pa.,
says Dewitt's Little Early Risers are the
best pills he ever used in his family during
forty years of housekeeping. They cure
constipation, sick headache and stomach
trouble. Small size box.

MOUNT HOPE.

Correspondence ANGUS and MERCURY.

—The closing exercises of the public
school will be held on Tuesday evening,
June 28, at 8 o'clock. A diversified pro-
gramme of two hours' length has been
prepared, and enjoyment for all who at-
tend is assured. The children's treat will
occur in the basement after the exercises,
and ice cream, cake, candy and straw-
berries will be placed on sale to the public.
Proceeds above expenses will go
toward school library. If stormy it will
occur on Thursday evening.

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QUEER INSURANCE CASE.

The House Was Set on Fire by the
Bathtub, and the Bathtub
by a Poultice.

"Fire insurance companies have to
deal with many queer cases," said a
traveling agent of one of the Hartford
(Conn.) companies to a Washington
Post man. "I have just been told the
story of a case that came under the
notice of our company not so long ago,
and which was certainly one of
the strangest fires in history. The
story is perfectly true and is vouch-
ed for by men of integrity. It was in a
western city and the house was set on
fire by a bathtub and the bathtub was
set on fire by a poultice. The owner
was suffering from a bad cold, it seems,
and acting under the doctor's orders
his wife prepared a poultice for his
chest. When she started to apply it it
was found to be too strong, too hot,
having been heated in the oven. So
the wife took the poultice to the bath-
room to cool. She placed it on the
tub, which was a very fine affair, be-
ing lined with celluloid instead of the
customary enamel. Well, the heat of
the plaster set the inflammable celluloid
on fire and the bathtub was soon
a mass of flames. The room caught
and the house was partially destroyed, for
all of which the company had to pay.
Everyone knows how celluloid burns
and so the company did not contest the
case."

PLAYING MARBLES.

Prospective Sea Gunners Who Wish
to Become Proficient Should
Indulge in the Game.

If foreign nations would become pro-
ficient

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 21.—Showers to-night; Wednesday fair, northerly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day: 7 a. m., 68°; 12 m., 67°; 3 p. m., 72°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—June 21—Strawberry and ice cream festival at First Baptist Church.

—June 21—Song recital at Second Presbyterian Church.

—June 24—Mary Powell excursion.

—July 4—Picnic of Ontario Hose Co., No. 5, at Mansfield Park, afternoon and evening.

—July 4—Excursion to New York, via Erie Railroad.

The payment of the New York troops at Chickamauga ends a most disgraceful chapter in the State's military history, but does not blot out its memory.

Gen. Garcia, who ought to be an authority on the subject, says that American soldiers can easily defeat the Spaniards, but that we will find it hard to drive them out of Cuba. He is confident, however, that the war will be over in a few months.

Senators who are opposed to the annexation of Hawaii began, Monday, to talk against time, their purpose being to prevent a vote at this session. They are a small minority, a test showing only 18 to 44, but eighteen Senators can talk for a great many days, and aided by Washington's summer heat may finally wear out the patience of the majority.

The bill providing for the taking of the census of 1900, which has been passed by the Senate and which is now pending in the House, is the boldest and boldest grab for patronage ever attempted by the Republican party. In almost specific terms it gives the lie to the party's oft-repeated expressions in favor of civil service reform and specifically insures the appointment of party heelers to the places which the taking and compilation of the census will create.

Another call for troops, 100,000 of them, is to be made if immediate success does not crown the expeditions against Santiago and Porto Rico. If it seems necessary to have more troops for the campaigns projected for the fall, they should be recruited at once. In view of the delay in getting the troops under the first and second calls in readiness for service, there is no time to be lost if a large army is to be landed in Cuba at the end of the rainy season.

The jury disagreed in Senator Raines' suit against the New York *Press* to recover \$50,000 damages for alleged libel. Lemuel Ely Quigge, chairman of the Republican Committee of New York city and Boss Platt's right hand man there, wrote the article which touched Senator Raines on the raw. Lou Payne was dragged into the case, and although his memory was not of the best some interesting revelations were elicited from him as to the methods of lobbyists at Albany. Taken altogether it was a very pretty Republican quarrel, and the disclosures made as to the way in which Republican bosses manipulate legislation for party purposes and for personal gain ought not to be without the effect of convincing the people that their interests cut no figure with Republican leaders who make a business of politics.

What He Regretted.

The Mother—My! how the tears stream down the baby's face when he cries.

The Father—Yes; I wish he'd shed enough to drown the noise he makes.—N. Y. Truth.

Helping Him Along.

Clerk—Want a pistol, eh? Fixing up to receive burglars?

Mrs. Gobang—No-o. My husband has been threatening to commit suicide and I thought I would encourage him.—Town Topic.

At the Art Exhibition.

Bystander—Should you say that picture was taken from life?

Critic—I don't know, but the world wouldn't suffer if the artist was.—Somerville Journal.

No Chance Whatever.

"Jimmy, you must not talk when older people are talking."

"Well, I suppose you want me to grow up dumb."—Chicago Record.

Fine Combination.

"What was the band playing when the soldiers marched past here, Tom-may?"

"Dixie Doodle."—Detroit Free Press.

READY TO LAND.

The Army of Invasion at Santiago

GARCIA'S ARMY WAITING.

Spain's Crippled Fleet Back at Cadiz.

The Army of Invasion at Santiago in Good Health and Spirits.

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MOLE ST. NICHOLAS, Tuesday, on board Associated Press despatch boat Dandy.

The United States army for the invasion of Cuba, commanded by Gen. Shafter, arrived off Santiago de Cuba yesterday noon.

Troops, numbering about 16,000, were on board thirty-six transports. The time and place for landing the soldiers has not been decided upon.

There are fourteen mild cases of typhoid fever and some cases of measles on board

the transports, but the troops generally are in good condition and excellent spirits. The voyage was without incident.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Gen. Greeley

has received a despatch from Lieut. Col. Allen, of the Signal Corps, announcing that the troop transports arrived off Santiago de Cuba, yesterday. The despatch also stated that a direct cable communication had been established to

Guantanamo via the French cable.

GARCIA'S ARMY AT SANTIAGO.

MOLE ST. NICHOLAS, June 21.—Gen.

Garcia has arrived near Santiago with 4,000 Cubans. He has cut off the Spaniards there from the possibility of receiving aid from other Spanish forces on the island.

CRIPPLED FLEET BACK AT CADIZ

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Advice received by way of Marseilles, France, confirm the first reports that the Spanish flotilla has returned to Cadiz. The Victoria was injured and was towed into port.

TALK OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

French Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Czar Leaders in the Movement.

London, June 21.—The correspondent at Paris of the *Pall Mall Gazette* says he learns from an authoritative source, in spite of denials that the question of negotiating peace between the United States and Spain has been for some days the subject of lively correspondence between the Chancellors.

He adds that some Ambassadors in Paris were instructed, yesterday, to remain alert and in readiness since it is expected that an event of importance in connection with negotiations with the United States and Spain will occur within a few days.

M. Hanotaux, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Moline Cabinet, backed by the Czar as it seems, has been the principal promoter of peace negotiations hence President Faure's desire to retain Hanotaux in the Foreign Office.

THE HAVANA BLOCKADE.

Searchlights Mounted on the Fortifications—Six Spanish Vessels Turned Back by the Maple.

KEY WEST, June 21.—A vessel arrived this morning, from off Havana, reports the blockade to be without incident, excepting the occasional firing of shots from Morro Castle and the land batteries. Three searchlights have been mounted on the fortifications, one at Cojimar, one at Morro and one at the Reina Battery.

On Friday three Spanish gunboats and some large vessels, apparently merchantmen, left Havana and proceeded eastward close to shore. The auxiliary gunboat Maple fired upon the Spanish ships and they returned to port and have not since attempted a sortie.

NEW SPANISH MINISTRY PROBABLE

MADRID, June 21.—Rumors are current, to-day, that the Cortes may suspend its sessions during the coming week, when Primo de Rivera, Minister of Finance, will resign, in which event it is thought Premier Sagasta will be compelled to submit to the Queen Regent the question of confidence in the Ministry. It is possible, therefore, that Sagasta will resign, in which case a national government pledged to a most energetic course will succeed his ministry.

THIRD MANILA EXPEDITION.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—It was announced at Gen. Merritt's headquarters, yesterday, that the third expedition to Manila will sail Thursday or Friday at the latest. Gen. Merritt will sail with the expedition unless the Washington authorities interfere.

HARBOR NOT BLOCKED.

It is announced that Cervera's Fleet can pass the Merrimac at Santiago.

KINGSTON, June 21.—Admiral Sampson states officially that Santiago harbor is not closed so as to preclude all possibility of Cervera getting away. The hull of the Merrimac does not block the channel but lies to the right and vessels can pass without touching it.

NOT CONFIRMED BY NAVY DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Officers of the Navy Department refuse to confirm the report from Santiago, in which Admiral Sampson is quoted as saying that the Merrimac does not effectually block the harbor. So far as the Department knows Hobson's work was well done. Naval officials said, this morning, that if Sampson had said that the channel was not blocked he had not so informed the Navy Department.

MANY LIVES LOST.

Distressing Calamity at the Launching of a British Battleship.

LONDON, June 21.—During the launching of the new British battleship Albion, a ceremony at which United States Ambassador Hay, Mrs. Hay and Lieut. Col. Well, United States naval attaché, assisted, the displacement of water caused an immense mass of water to rise on all sides, completely submerging one of the lower stages of the yard and immersing hundreds of people. It is estimated that fifty persons were drowned. Another discredited report says the warship sank.

As this dispatch is sent the bodies of twenty-seven men and women have been recovered.

CANT GET THE STAMPS READY.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Secretary Gage has written a letter to the House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee saying that it is absolutely impossible to put the adhesive stamp sections of the war revenue measure in operation on July 1st, and asking that the time be extended to July 15th, and that the commission be increased from one to three per cent., in order to increase popular interest in the distribution of stamps.

ORDERED OUT OF CHINESE WATERS

NEW YORK, June 21.—A special from Hong Kong to the *Evening Journal* says the American supply ship, Zafiro, which was sent there from Manila by Dewey to procure provisions, etc., has been compelled by the Chinese authorities to leave Chinese waters. Accordingly she has been removed to British waters at Hong Kong.

The Chinese order is believed to have been due to the representations of Spain.

CANNOT FORM A FRENCH CABINET

PARIS, June 21.—Owing to the refusal of former Premier Depuy to accept the Foreign Office and of M. Delambre to become Minister of Finance, M. Sarrien has decided to relinquish the task of forming a Cabinet and will so inform President Faure, this afternoon.

NO VERDICT FOR JOHN RAINES.

NEW YORK, June 21.—The jury in Senator John Raines' suit against the New York *Press* to recover \$50,000 for alleged defamation of character, failed to agree and was discharged in Supreme Court, to-day.

A DEFAULTING OFFICIAL SENTENCED

FORT PLAIN, June 21.—Wm. Clark, Montgomery county's defaulting ex-treasurer, was sentenced, to-day, to four years at Dannemora prison.

DIRECT CABLE COMMUNICATION.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Direct cable communication between Santiago and Washington was established, to-day.

SPANISH CABINET MAY RESIGN.

MADRID, June 21.—It is rumored that the Spanish Cabinet will resign this week.

—The best medicine you can take is that which builds a solid foundation for health in pure, rich blood—Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Ideal Treatment for Rheumatism.

The "Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism removes at once the rheumatic poison from the system and the disease immediately disappears. Whilst the "Mystic Linen Renewer" builds up the shattered nervous system, improves the digestion and restores the general health. It is the greatest cure for all nervous diseases and weakness as well as the most powerful nerve builder known.

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LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

Mrs. St. John's song recital, to-night.
Regular meeting of Capt. Jackson Post, to-night.

Ice cream, home-made berries and home-made cake at First Baptist Church, to-night.

Over \$5,000 of the war loan bonds have been subscribed for at the Port Jervis post office.

President McKinley, Monday, nominated James M. Miller for postmaster at Washingtonville.

The Mehl piano, which will be used at Mrs. St. John's song recital, to-night, is loaned for the occasion by Munn's music store.

A musical treat is in store for all who attend the song recital by Mrs. St. John and pupils at the Second Presbyterian Church, to-night.

The Argus was misinformed as to the date of the class day exercises at the High School. They will be held to-morrow and not this afternoon.

William Denton, a freight handler at Port Jervis, had his leg broken, Sunday, by getting it caught between the depot platform and one of the trucks.

Private E. E. Tucker, of the 5th Company, who contracted a bad cold at Camp Black, has been ordered to the Adirondacks by his physician, who fears serious lung trouble.

Tickets to the song recital of Mrs. St. John and pupils at the Second Presbyterian Church, to-night, are only thirty-five cents. The advance sale is large, but there are still many good seats.

Capt. Thorpe, mustering officer of the United States Army, will be in Port Jervis, this week, to muster the recruits obtained there into Co. D, 5th U. S. Artillery. The colored recruits will also be mustered in.

PERSONAL.

Edward McNiff returned to this city, to-day.

—Jesse Redfield left for Dunkirk, to-day, to visit his son.

—Policeman Frank Freer and his wife are visiting friends in Sullivan county for a week.

J. Newman, of Ellenville, was the guest of the Orange County Brewing Company, to-day.

—Mrs. D. A. Sease, who has been visiting relatives in this city, returned to Passaic, to-day.

—Miss Emeline Mullock, of Bloomfield, N. J., is in this city on a week's visit to relatives and friends.

—Miss Emma Mae Powers, daughter of Henry P. Powers, arrived in this city from Mansfield, Pa., to-day.

—Mrs. Sarah Davis, of Middletown, spent a few days last week with her niece, Mrs. D. B. Allen, of Matamoras, Union.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Newsworthy, of New York city, who have been the guests of the latter's aunt, Mrs. C. G. Dill, returned home, to-day.

—The Sparrowbush correspondent of the Union says that Mrs. Ketcham, of Middletown, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Peter Van Aken, in that village.

—Charles S. Baring, who has spent the past five months in Colorado on business and visiting friends, returned here, yesterday, to the home of his father, J. L. Baring, No. 5 East Main street.

—Prof. Henry R. Sanford, of the State corps of institute conductors, who was at one time superintendent of the schools of this city, will be conductor of the summer school to be conducted at Chautauqua under the direction of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Only Half a Dozen Volunteers.

Capt. McIntyre secured half a dozen recruits for Company I, Monday night. He will be at the armory, to-night, to-morrow afternoon and to-morrow night for the same purpose.

Capt. Chase, at Newburgh, secured eighteen men, Monday night.

Mary Powell Excursion.

The next Mary Powell excursion will be run by the Ontario and Western, on Tuesday, June 28th, at the popular price of \$1 for the round trip. Train will leave Middletown at 7 a. m. Wait for it. To

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A Few Posters.

The recent statistics of the number of deaths show that the large majority die with consumption. The disease may commence with an apparently harmless cough which can be cured instantly by Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, which is guaranteed to cure and relieve all cases. Price 25 and 50c. Sold by all druggists; ask for a free sample to-day.

—Robert Kleinfeld, the James street cigar maker and dealer, has purchased a fine black horse and an outfit of Horts & Walker.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. W. Abbott Arment.

Mrs. M. J. Arment, widow of W. E. Arment, of Wawayanda, who died about a year ago, died Monday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wallace Gordon, in Port Jervis.

Two daughters, Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Isaac Van Duzer, of Wawayanda, survive her.

The funeral will be held in Port Jervis, to-morrow morning at 10:30 a. m.; the body will be brought to this city on train 6 for interment in Pine Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Frank E. Burr.

Mrs. Frank E. Burr, widow of the late Charles S. Burr, died, Monday afternoon, at her home, No. 3 Spring street, after a lingering illness.

The deceased was the daughter of John H. Little and Mary A. Young, deceased, and was born in this city, June 6th, 1840. She married Chas. S. Burr Sept. 9th, 1869. He died in 1872. She is survived by her father, John H. Little; one brother, Albert, and one son, Louis A., who is employed by Brink & Clark. When the 24th Separate Co. was called upon to volunteer their services to go to the front, Louis, being a member of the company, was anxious to go, but his mother being critically ill he was compelled to stay at home and care for her.

Mrs. Burr was a devoted Christian woman, and for thirty years spent all her time in religious work. She was the secretary of the W. C. T. U. for over ten years, never neglecting any part of her work and always looking out for the good of the society. At the last convention of the society she read one of the ablest papers on woman suffrage that was presented at the convention. She was a devoted member of the Free Christian Church, and was secretary of the Gospel Temperance Union for eighteen years. She was librarian of the old Library for a number of years.

Mrs. Burr will be widely missed, as she was one who made friends with all she came in contact with, and it will be hard to find one to take her place in the different societies to which she gave so much of her time.

A PLEASANT LAWN PARTY.

Given by the Ladies' Guild of the First Congregational Church at Mrs. Frank Harding's.

The lawn party of the Ladies' Guild of the First Congregational Church held, last evening, with Mrs. Frank Harding, proved a success socially and financially. The elements were kind to the managers and pleasure seekers.

The lawn and house were crowded with friends of the guild, enjoying the good things provided as well as the pleasant surroundings. Four pieces of music located on the piazza, under the leadership of Mr. McWilliams, with Mrs. Mary Andrus at the piano, added not a little to the entertainment.

The net profits were entirely satisfactory to the ladies who had charge of the affair.

GUILTY OF ASSAULT.

Young Middle-towners Who Licked Ghenitites Must Pay for Their Fun.

William McElroy and Frank Gibson, two of the Goshen lads who were licked in Sunday night's rumpus in the First Ward, caused the arrest of James Doyle and Patrick Mulligan, of this city, Monday night, charging them with assault in the third degree. The case came up at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

After hearing the case both defendants were sentenced to Goshen jail for ten days unless a five-dollar fine could be raised.

"SUCH A LITTLE ONE."

A Three-Days-Old Baby That Weighs Only Two Pounds.

They have a girl baby on Sprague avenue, a little less than three days old, who weighs less than two pounds. Notwithstanding her diminutive figure, her ladyship in other respects acts like any other baby of her age and opportunities. Dr. Pillsbury, in exhibiting the young lady to admiring visitors, readily passed his finger ring over her whole hand.

A Temporary Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue.

Charles H. Terbell, of Port Jervis, has been appointed a deputy internal revenue collector to serve temporarily or until the war revenue measure is working smoothly. The salary is \$1,100 a year with an allowance for expenses of not more than \$800.

A Successful Fisherwoman.

Col. Dunsmerry, the oldest fisherman in this city, caught four nice bass at Monhagen Lake, Monday. "Billy" Allison, who was with the colonel, and who is reputed to be one of the best of local fishermen, did not catch even a whiter.

A Short Furlough.

Quartermaster Sergeant George M. Millepaugh arrived in this city, Monday afternoon, for a few hours' furlough. He was accompanied by Private Meany, who stopped at Chester to visit his relatives.

The First Court Martial.

The first court martial in the 1st Regiment has been ordered in the case of a private in the Newburgh Company, who has been absent without leave.

True and Honest Notes.

—Robert Kleinfeld, the James street cigar maker and dealer, has purchased a fine black horse and an outfit of Horts & Walker.

HYMENAL.

Boyce-Green.

Dr. Irwin H. Boyd, son of S. M. Boyd, of this city, now one of the Pennsylvania Railroad's physicians, and Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs. Emily R. Smith, were united in marriage at the bride's home, near Goshen, at 1:30, today.

Tunis-on-Spechley.

From the Times-Union, N. Y., Free Press and Sentinel.

Thursday afternoon, June 16, Miss Grace E. Buckley, daughter of Hon. Frank Buckley, of Middletown, N. Y., and C. H. Tunison, of this place, were married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Holton, on Whig street, by Rev. D. M. Young, of the M. E. Church, Rev. D. H. Denison, of the Baptist Church, as

This was an extremely pretty home wedding, about forty guests, relatives and friends of the bride and groom being present. Mrs. Tunison has made her home with her sister, Mrs. Holton, some years, and has formed many pleasant social attachments, especially among the young people of her church, in the affairs of which she has taken an active part. Mr. Tunison is also prominent in church affairs, and has been for years a trusted and highly esteemed employee of the firm of Mosher & Sears.

After the beautiful marriage ceremony and the hearty congratulations which followed, refreshments were served. The bride and groom left on the 6 p. m. train to go two weeks.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful presents, almost exclusively of a substantial and useful character. No young couple of our village ever assumed married relations under brighter auspices. Possessing youth, health, moral worth and social standing, honored, respected and loved, life's journey for these two people should have more roses than thorns.

Among the guests from abroad we noticed Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Buckley and daughter, of Middletown, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ilston and Bergan Ilston, of Ithaca, Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild, of North Hector, and Miss Ora Sweet, of Ithaca.

THE COINTOT WILL CASE.

Has Not Yet Been Decided and a Suit for the Construction of the Will Still Pending.

The Port Jervis Union has a story to the effect that Frederick Coontot, of New York, left an estate valued at \$7,000,000 to institutions, family servants, etc., and that lawyer M. J. Donovan, of this city, has successfully contested the will. The Union says that "the estate is to be divided, as we are given to understand, between the brother of the deceased millionaire, Francis Coontot, of Ellenville, and his two sons, Grant Coontot, of this place, who is employed as a switchman in Buckley's yard, and Alexander Coontot, a mechanist employed in the O. and W. shops at Middletown, and a daughter, Lillie, wife of Emory Teller, who lives on Brooklyn street, this village."

The truth of the matter is that an estate of \$2,000,000 is in question and that suit has been brought to construe the will, which is as far as the matter has progressed. If Mr. Donovan wins his point, then Francis Coontot, of Ellenville, will receive \$750,000, and his sons, including Alex. Coontot, of this city, will eventually come in for a generous inheritance.

SHOWED THE NATIONAL COLORS

The Novel Manner in Which a Young Woman Wore the Red, White and Blue.

A novel combination of our country's colors was shown by a young woman on North street, the other afternoon. She wore a skirt of as vivid a blue as was ever seen on a sunlit sky, and, as she tripped across the street, she raised her skirt to get it out of the way of imaginary mud and revealed a red petticoat and snow white stockings.

The colors were certainly all right, but as a wise woman, who saw them, said, "It isn't every one who would have thought of showing them in just that way."

Special Meeting of the W. C. T. U.

A special meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held, to-night, at 7:30 o'clock, to make arrangements for the funeral of our departed sister and faithful secretary, Mrs. Frank E. Burr.

By order of President.

Symeal Notes.

—Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hornbeck have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Margaretta, to Howell Stiles Bennett, on Wednesday evening, June 29, at 7:30 o'clock, at their residence at Tri-States—Port Jervis Union.

A Steeple Borrower Stopped.

A young woman, who had been boarding in Walden, borrowed a man's wheel without permission, Saturday, and rode off. She was caught in Newburgh and the wheel recovered, and both were taken back to Walden.

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

—On account of the Christian Endeavor international convention, the Erie will sell round trip tickets from Middletown to Nashville, Tenn., and return, July 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th, at the rate of \$22.65.

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—On July 4th, the Erie will sell excursion tickets from Middletown to Shohola and return at the rate of ninety cents. Tickets good returning on day of date. Trains leave James street station at 6:17 and 10:36 a. m. 80000

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Festival at the M. E. Church—Will attend the song festival—Meeting of Trustees—Criticism etc.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—A strawberry and ice cream festival will be held on the M. E. Church lawn, Thursday evening.

—Goshen will send a large delegation to the musical entertainment of Mrs. St. John, to-night.

—The Board of Trustees met, last night, and audited number of bills.

—The condition of Wm. Sullivan is regarded as very dangerous, to-day. His recovery seems improbable.

—Mr. and Mrs. Homer M. Green, of Jersey City, have been visiting in town.

—A party of Goshen boys are camping at Lake Glens.

—Miss Florence Morgan and Wm. Wall Whiddett, Jr., will assist at Mrs. St. John's recital in Middletown, to-night.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Kelley, of New York, were in town, Monday.

—Dudley Murray, who has been ill for several days, is much improved at present.

Delighted With Our High School Building.

Meers, Roff, Hastings and Wands, of the Newburgh Board of Education, were in town, to-day, and inspected the new High School building with a view to securing points for use in the additions which are to be made to several of Newburgh's school houses. Needless to say they were much pleased with the High School building and were most enthusiastic in their praise of it.

Am Authorized Claim Agent.

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"This is Hinduism, horrid Hinduism, 2,000 years old, and ruling to-day more than 200,000,000 men and women. The spectacle before us is the outcome of her teachings. To their minds existence is an evil; emancipation from it in this life, and in countless future lives,

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May, 1897, he became a brigadier general of the regular army. He was re-

cently elevated to his present rank, and

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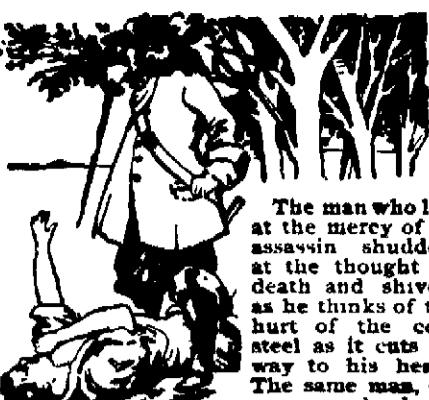
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LIFE AT FORT HAMILTON
MEMBERS OF 24TH WELL PLEASED WITH THEIR QUARTERS.

Frequent hours for recreation and now they are spent—Coney Island and its attractions—Measured for New Uniforms—Courtesies from the Regulars—Rating Old Ratings—Improvement in the Appearance of the Men—A Desirable Appointment—Leaves of Absence—Captains Home Recruitings.

FORT HAMILTON, L. I., June 19, 1898.

It is just a week ago, yesterday afternoon, since we arrived in our new quarters and we still have every reason to be thankful for the change. There has been plenty of work for the men to do, but the monotony is broken by frequent hours for recreation and the men are not at all slow in taking advantage of every opportunity to enjoy themselves.

Coney Island is the great centre of attraction and not an afternoon or evening passes but some representative of this company may be found there. Electric cars run to the entrance to the fort and transfers may be had for any part of the city of Brooklyn and the neighboring pleasure resorts. Washington Park with its baseball games has also drawn many enthusiasts from our camp.

There are a number of parks in the immediate vicinity of the fort and a dance is held in one or the other of them nearly every evening. The musicians of the post band are permitted to secure outside engagements and they supply most of the music for the aforesaid parks.

The men of our battalion have all been measured for new blouses and trousers of the regular army pattern and it is expected that they will all be equipped within the next few weeks. New caps and campaign hats will also be furnished.

The good feeling between the volunteers and the regulars continues and every courtesy is shown the former by the latter. According to New York papers this has not been the case at several of the other forts, particularly Willet's Point. Our men are permitted to use the bath tubs in the barracks of both Companies B and I of the 5th Artillery Regiment and many of them have accepted invitations to meals in their mess rooms. Provost Sergeant Winters, Post Quartermaster Sergeant Siegler and First Sergeant Merrill, of Company I, have been particularly kind to our men, and many favors may be traced to them.

There has been some slight dissatisfaction during the past few days over the lack of variety in the food which has been served, but this is owing to the fact that all the rations which were left over at Camp Black have been distributed among the several companies and are to be used before other rations can be drawn, excepting, of course, fresh meat. Through some misunderstanding we were without fresh meat for two days, but when the supply finally arrived it was of such fine quality that the lack of it for forty-eight hours was soon forgotten.

The baker's department is not yet fully straightened out, and fresh bread has been somewhat scarce. Upon the whole, however, everything is so much better than at Camp Black, that very little grumbling is heard.

An inspection of the arms and equipments of the men is held every Saturday, at 8:45 a. m., by company commanders.

All men whose equipments are in first-class condition have an easy time for the balance of the day until retreat, roll call (at sunset), but those who don't pass are compelled to clean up, and are not permitted to leave the streets until the inspecting officer is satisfied with their work. Our men, with one or two exceptions, presented a very creditable appearance, considering what they have gone through for the past seven weeks, and most of them enjoyed the half holiday.

The improvement in the appearance of the men is due largely to the rivalry among the men for the position of orderly. Each morning at guard mount two men are selected from the guard of fifty men to act as orderlies or messengers for the colonel and at headquarters. The men are chosen for their cleanliness and soldierly bearing, and are on duty until 7 or 8 o'clock in the evening, and from 7 o'clock until guard mount the next morning. They sleep in their own quarters at night and live the next day off, the same as the old guard, and are excused from fatigue duty on the second day. It is an honor and privilege worth striving for, and as a result when a man's name is posted for guard duty he immediately begins to "clean up" and get his uniform and rifle in first class shape.

Bert Conkling was the fortunate man yesterday, and as a result he got a forty-eight hours' leave of absence.

Others who secured leaves of absence for longer than twenty-four hours were members of Friday's guard who were thus excused owing to the fact that there is no fatigue duty to be performed on Sunday morning, such work as is absolutely necessary being performed by the prisoners, of whom, by the way, there are eight. They are either serving sentences or awaiting trial and are compelled to work under the supervision of an armed guard.

All the captains of this battalion are absent on leaves of absence, and it is understood that they are to do the recruiting that was to have been done by Major Chan and four non-commissioned officers of the battalion in accordance with the general order from the War Department.

A number of Middletowners visited camp to-day. The day was cool and

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and you cure its consequences. These are some of the consequences of constipation: Bilioousness, loss of appetite, pimples, sour stomach, depression, coated tongue, nightmare, palpitation, cold feet, debility, dizziness, weakness, backache, vomiting, jaundice, piles, pallor, stitch, irritability, nervousness, headache, torpid liver, heartburn, foul breath, sleeplessness, drowsiness, hot skin, cramps, throbbing head.

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THE PILL THAT WILL

pleasant, but about 4 o'clock a heavy shower passed over us and many ladies who visited camp were thoroughly drenched. It has cleared off, however, and the evening promises to be a fair one.

NICK.

Erie's Dollar Excursion to New York on July 4th

On Monday, July 4th, the Erie will sell excursion tickets to New York at rate of \$1. tickets good going on special train leaving James street station at 7:54 a. m., Main street 7:56 a. m. Returning on special train leaving Jersey City at 8 p. m. Go to the base ball games both morning and afternoon at the Polo Grounds, New York, between the New York and Boston clubs, or spend the day at the seashore.

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singular Accident to an Erie Track Hand.

Carman Rogelie, an Erie track hand, was badly and perhaps fatally injured at Ridgewood, Saturday, in a very singular way. He was one of a gang lifting a rock, a fruit tree or poppin' big gun under his coat tail with blanks gets it. The cops means business and this aint no kid. Younes will have to toe the crack an' if you're caught in the wrong don't spect your folks kin square you wid the police for they can't do it. An' that's straight."

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ABSORBED BY THE ERIE

New York, Susquehanna and Western
Will Be Taken Over July 1st.

The date of the formal taking of the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad into the Erie Railroad system will be July 1st, when the officers of the Susquehanna, elected June 2d, will take office. They are: President, E. B. Thomas; First Vice-President, G. M. Cummings; Second Vice-President, W. F. Merrill; Third Vice-President, F. J. Moore; Secretary, J. A. Middleton; Treasurer, Edward White; Auditor, J. T. Ward.

While the Erie absorbs the Susquehanna, the latter is to be operated as a separate company. The Pennsylvania's Jersey City passenger station will be, as hitherto, used by the Susquehanna's passenger trains, but the freight and milk business will be handled at the Erie's Jersey City station. The coal business of the Susquehanna will probably be so arranged as to be of mutual advantage to both companies.

Among the changes incident to the transfer, the following Susquehanna appointments have been made: Frank Harriott, General Freight Traffic Manager; D. I. Roberts, General Passenger Agent; George F. Brownell, General Solicitor; C. D. McElveen, General Superintendent; C. W. Buchholz, Chief Engineer; A. E. Mitchell, Superintendent of Motive Power; E. B. Sheffer, Purchasing Agent, and W. J. Holmes, Superintendent of Telegraph.

A WORD TO BOYS.

A Straight Tip from the Police as to What Will Happen If They Steal Cherries and Celebrate the 4th Too Soon.

The police authorities have asked the ARGUS to write a little essay on "boys" and here it is:

There are good boys and bad boys and just now the latter seem to be predominating. The good boys do not have pains in their stomachs from eating too many of their neighbors' cherries and their fingers are not burned by beginning to celebrate July 4 about June 20. The police love these good boys, but they are out for the other kind. To this latter class the following instructions are given just so they'll understand them and they can explain them to their parents:

"Now, this is no con, but the straight thing. The first feller caught rubberneckin', a fruit tree or poppin' big gun under his coat tail with blanks gets it. The cops means business and this aint no kid. Younes will have to toe the crack an' if you're caught in the wrong don't spect your folks kin square you wid the police for they can't do it. An' that's straight."

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

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NEW YORK, June 21, '98.—Yesterday Today Close Close

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| Sugar | 132 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 131 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 131 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 131 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Tobacco | 115 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 116 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 116 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 116 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Chicago Gas | 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Nat. Lead | — | — | — | — |
| General Electric | 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ | — | — | — |
| U. S. L. prof. | 65 | 65 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 65 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 65 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Tenn. Coal and Iron | 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| A. T. & S. F. | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| C. B. & Q. | 104 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 104 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 104 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 104 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| C. M. & St. P. | 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| R. I. | 106 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 106 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 106 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 106 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| D. L. & W. | — | — | — | — |
| C. N. J. | 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| D. & H. | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
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| Susquehanna & Western | — | — | — | — |
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| P. & R. | 19 | — | — | — |
| N. W. | 126 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 124 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 124 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 124 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| L. S. | — | — | — | — |
| N. Y. C. | 116 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 116 | 116 | 116 |
| M. P. | 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 86 | 86 | 86 |
| Texas | 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| U. P. | 91 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 92 | 92 | 92 |
| W. Union | 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| L. & N. . . | 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Manhattan | 164 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 164 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 164 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 164 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| P. M. | 29 | 29 | 29 | 29 |
| Wabash, pref. | 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| No. Pacific, pref. | 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Metropolitan Traction | 162 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 160 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 160 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 160 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Brooklyn Rapid Transit | 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Southern, pref. | 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| July Wheat | 72 | 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| July Corn | 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| July Oats | 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| July Pork | 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
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